GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS IN STATES
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of villages in each State without the elected Panchayats as on date;

(b) whether the Tenth Finance Commission Report envisages that Panchayati Raj development funds have to be given only to the elected Panchayats; and

(c) if so, the funds allocated/released to Panchayats during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir. Recognizing that after the 73rd Constitutional Amendment it is mandatory to have elected Panchayats, the Tenth Finance Commission provided funds for elected panchayats accordingly. The Tenth Finance Commission also provided funds to local bodies in States, which were not required to hold Panchayat elections as per the Constitution.

(c) The details of funds allocated to Panchayati Raj Institutions and released to Panchayats during the last three years are annexed. Release of funds to States in the current year will be made in accordance with the guidelines issued to States for utilization of local bodies grants under Eleventh Finance Commission recommendations.